

# Focus on 5th



News and Events in the 5th Grade  
May 23, 2011  
[www.op97.org](http://www.op97.org)

## Important Dates

May 23	Completion Ceremony RSVPs Due
May 26	Olympic Day
May 26	Trish Quane Memorial
May 27	Million Dollar Project Due
May 27	Human Body Project Due
May 30	Memorial Day - No School
June 2	Pool Field Trip
June 3	Completion Ceremony
June 7	Last Day of School

## Dear Families,

Don't forget to return your Completion Ceremony RSVPs to your child's homeroom teacher by Monday, May 23rd. This form is not available on the wiki, so for additional copies, please have your child ask their homeroom teacher.

Another reminder that as we approach the end of the year there are many exciting events students have the privilege of participating in. We have emphasized with all students that our expectations regarding behavior and classwork/homework completion have not changed. Significant behavior incidents or a decline in academics may result in loss of privileges (including attending the pool trip) regardless of guild eligibility.

## SPECIALS

**Spanish** Students can read their current story, *Ovejas Modelos* to someone for 15 extra points. <http://mpoleski.blogspot.com/p/quintofifth.html>

## Art

The 5th grade mural is underway and looking great. The fence we are painting is 8' tall and about 40' long. If parents are available to help supervise or paint, please contact Mr. Kristofer at [jkristofer@op97.org](mailto:jkristofer@op97.org). Also, please remember I have a smock for every student to paint in, but please consider sending an old pair of sweat pants or shoes for students to paint in.

## Music

Students are working on songs for the completion ceremony. The lunch recess (11:30am) rehearsals/auditions for next week are as follows:

Mon 5/23	Vocal percussion auditions for chorus members
Tues 5/24	Auditions for anyone who wants to play/ sing before the completion ceremony
Wed 5/25	Rehearsal for Olympic Day soloists and National Anthem Soloists
Thurs 5/26	All chorus members must meet at 11:30 to prepare for Olympic Day performance
Mon 5/30	Practice for soloists for wave and national anthem
Tues 5/31	Practice for pre-completion ceremony performers
Wed 6/1	National anthem soloists
Thurs 6/2	Rest of pre-completion ceremony performers



### Reading/Literature

This week we will wrap up our final novel study. Students must individually complete a plot diagram for their novels as well as an alternate cover for their novel as a literature circle group. All novels and work will be due to Mrs. Peterson by **Friday, May 27th**.

### Math

Graded Unit 11 tests will be returned to students by Wednesday. Please review the test with your child and sign if a signature has been requested. Million Dollar project packets and presentations are due this Friday. Today, we worked on calculating the percentage of the total spent in each category. Students will begin presenting their projects on Friday. Each presentation must include a visual aid (poster, slide show, power point, etc.) which shows, at a minimum, the project theme, total amount spent, and the major categories. Students will have class time on Tuesday and Wednesday to work on presentations, so they should bring any necessary materials to school on Tuesday.

### Science

The Human Body Projects are **due this Friday!** Students should be working on completing them at home. Students have been advised to work on the project little by little so that it is not saved for the last minute. I am excited to see the finished projects!

### Social Studies

This week, we will continue to listen to our peers' interview projects. They have been outstanding so far! For this reason, we are taking a bit more time to listen to the stories gained through the interview process. We also will discuss World War II and perform Shakespeare.

Visit the **Holmes Digital Backpack**  
<http://www.op97.org/holmes/digitalbackpack/>

### We're on the Web!

Visit us at:  
<http://holmes5thgrade.wikispaces.com/>

Ms. Kraft  
[fkraft@op97.org](mailto:fkraft@op97.org)

Ms. Yigzaw  
[syigzaw@op97.org](mailto:syigzaw@op97.org)

Ms. Manuel  
[mmanuel@op97.org](mailto:mmanuel@op97.org)

Ms. Peterson  
[apeterson@op97.org](mailto:apeterson@op97.org)